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October 10,  
2012 1-4PM

### Work Activity Center Open House

The Office of Management and Budget, State Procurement Office, invites you to an Open House to be held in the Pioneer Room at the North Dakota State Capitol on Wednesday, October 10, from 1PM – 4PM Central Time.

Come meet North Dakota work activity centers and discover the goods and services they offer. This will also be an opportunity to learn more about the recent updates to state procurement rules related to limited competition, noncompetitive, and emergency procurements.

#### What's a work activity center?

As used in N.D.C.C. § 25-16.2-01, a work activity center is "a facility, licensed by the Department of Human Services, which is located in the state and operated by a nonprofit corporation organized for the primary purpose of employing and providing rehabilitative activities for individuals with physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, or chronic mental illnesses."

#### Purchasing directly from work activity centers

As stated in N.D.C.C. § 25-16.2-04, "If acceptable commodities or services are produced or provided by a work activity center at fair market price, any state entity or political subdivision may enter a contract to purchase directly from the work activity center without obtaining competition."

If you have questions related to this event, please contact Christy Smith at 701.328.4912.

Congratulations, Sherry!

*Sherry Neas, Director of Central Services, was recently honored with a President's Award for her service to the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO). In addition, Sherry was elected to the Board of Directors for NASPO; in her service on the board she will provide leadership in professional public procurement, work toward the improvement in the quality of public procurement, exchange information and cooperate with other states to attain greater efficiency, economy, and customer satisfaction.*

**Congratulations, Sherry!**

# Term Contract Update

**Contract #915**

## New Vendors for Wireless Accessories and New Wireless Discounts!



The State Procurement Office is pleased to announce two new vendors under the State Contract (#915) for Wireless Communication Services, Equipment & Accessories.

**Discount Cell** and **TESSCO** now offer accessories for wireless devices. These include antennas/signal boosters, batteries, chargers, cases/covers, cables, etc. Visit the [State Contract website](#), click on contract #915, for information on how to view the products offered and associated pricing.

Additionally, Verizon and AT&T have entered into new contracts with the State, offering deeper discounts on service.

# COMING SOON!

**Contract #255**

## FACILITY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATION (MRO) SUPPLIES CONTRACT



A new state contract is being established for facility maintenance, repair and operation (MRO) supplies. The contract consists of 1,000 frequently purchased products. Additionally, the products are separated into 15 different "Market Basket" product categories. Each product category offers a flat "percentage off" for all other items not listed in the Market Basket. While it is not mandatory to make your purchases from this contract, you will likely find deeper discounts from vendors you may already be using, such as Fastenal, Acme Tools, Ferguson, and Motion Industries.

Four vendors have been awarded contracts and some product categories have more than one vendor.

The product categories include:

Air Filters	Batteries & Flashlights
Electrical Repairs & Equipment	Hand Tools
HVAC	Material Handling Repairs
Motors & Accessories	Outdoor, Landscape & Equipment
Paint & Accessories	Plumbing
Pneumatic Tools	Power Tools & Accessories
Safety	Security, Facility & Fixtures
Welding & Soldering	

The contract allows for purchases up to \$25,000, and there is no minimum order required. You can have the order shipped at no cost (excludes expedited, emergency or shipments of hazardous material) or you can pick up the order at one of the local vendor locations.

As soon as the contracts are finalized and the vendor websites are available, we will notify your Agency Procurement Liaison. Let them know to be on the lookout for this information!



## 2013 State Procurement Training

The [2013 State Procurement Training](#) schedule has been completed and posted to our website. Prior to completing Level 2 and 3 training, you must complete the State of ND, Level 1 ONLINE web-based training. Visit the ND State Procurement Office web site to learn more about the Procurement Officer Certification Program, <http://www.nd.gov/spo/agency/training/>